



TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 1430/96
Serial No. 10/616,700	Filing Date July 9, 2003	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit 1761
Inventor(s) Gerard T. Howse et al.			
Title of Invention Methods of Preparing Meat Analogues, Meat Analogues, and Foodstuffs Comprising Meat Analogues			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate), Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), Form PTO-1449, Copies of Eighteen (18) Cited References (A1-A18), and Return Postcard.


- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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Respectfully submitted,



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents A1-A18 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of

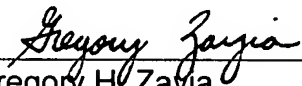
record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE July 9, 2003	GROUP ART UNIT 1761
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REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	3,102,031	08/27/1963	MacAllister et al.		
	A2	3,645,747	02/29/1972	Palmer		
	A3	3,935,319	01/27/1976	Howard		
	A4	3,962,481	06/08/1976	Kumar		
	A5	4,000,331	12/28/1976	Tanaka et al.		
	A6	4,133,897	01/09/1979	Flanyak et al.		
	A7	4,238,515	12/09/1980	Shemer		
	A8	4,287,219	09/01/1981	Fabre		
	A9	4,307,118	12/22/1981	Kajs		
	A10	4,338,340	07/06/1982	Morimoto et al.		
	A11	4,734,287	03/29/1988	Singer et al.		
	A12	5,061,508	10/29/1991	Schur		
	A13	5,593,717	01/14/1997	Huber et al.		
	A14	5,626,899	05/06/1997	Payne et al.		
	A15	5,804,246	09/08/1998	Peck et al.		
	A16	5,858,442	01/12/1999	Payne et al.		
	A17	6,001,412	12/14/1999	Huber et al.		
	A18	US 2002/0039612 A1	04/04/2002	Gambino et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.</small>
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